

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 25, 2008, the Office noted that claims 14-26 were pending and rejected claims 23-26 and allowed claims 14-22. Claims 23-26 have been amended, no claims have been canceled, and, thus, in view of the foregoing, claims 14-26 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections and objections are traversed below.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office has indicated that claims 14-22 are allowable. The Applicants acknowledge the allowance of the claims and thank the Office for its consideration in examining these claims.

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 23 stands objected to for informalities. In particular, the Office asserts that the claims are in improper dependent form. The Applicants have amended the claim to overcome the objection of the Office.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly

point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. In particular, the Office asserts that the claims are not patentably distinct from claim 14. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the amendment of claims 23 and 24.

The Applicants have amended the claims to differentiate them from claim 14.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 25 and 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the Office asserts that they are drawn to signals. The Applicants have amended the claims to recite “[a] computer readable recording medium recording thereon a computer program for tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a computer.” The Applicants submit that a computer program **recorded** on computer readable recording medium defines statutory subject matter.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 101. It is also submitted that claims 14-26 continue to be allowable. It is further

submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

Please charge the fee of \$220 for the extra independent claim added herewith, to our credit card.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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